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A regular meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Rosemarie Ives at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers present were Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Paine, Resha, Robinson, and Vache.

CONFIRM FIRE CHIEF TIM FULLER

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the Council dated January 26, 2005, recommended that Tim Fuller be confirmed as Redmond's Fire Chief.

Motion by Mr. Robinson, second by Ms. McCormick, to confirm Tim Fuller as the City of Redmond's Fire Chief.
Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

OATH OF OFFICE

James E. Haney, City Attorney, administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief Tim Fuller, and the Mayor presented Chief Fuller with his badge.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chris Flores, 17905 NE 101 Court, spoke on the following topics:

- Why did the city think it was necessary to go through a nationwide search for our new fire chief? It seemed like a frivolous expenditure of taxpayer monies.
- Concern about emergency response times in the Education Hill Neighborhood. A delay by the city in building and staffing Fire Station No. 17 constitutes a breach of public safety.
- Questioned whether he was entitled to receive minutes of Council meetings.

Ken Weisenbach, 15810 NE 90 Way, speaking on behalf of the Fire Department and the labor group, expressed support for the Council's decision to confirm the appointment of Chief Fuller. He also expressed appreciation for the seamless transition that Interim Fire Chief Dick Radtke provided.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Robinson, to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda:

- (1) approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2005

(2) approve the following payroll/direct deposit and claims checks:

PAYROLL/DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECKS:

#160836 through 160952; and
#133167 through 133743 \$1,140,902.63

CLAIMS CHECKS:

#302810 through 303261 \$2,936,984.26

(4) approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Reid Middleton for final design services for the NE 116 Culvert Replacement Project, No. 03-SD-42/100387, in an amount not to exceed \$235,000 including contingencies; authorize staff to acquire necessary rights-of-way or easements for roadway construction and utility underground conversion, if required; and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement

(5) authorize the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Redmond, Supplemental Consultant Agreement No. 1 with R.W. Beck to provide additional engineering services for preparation of the city's General Sewer Plan for years 2005-2015 at an additional contract amount of \$55,000 including contingency

(7) authorize the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Redmond, an updated agreement with the City of Bellevue for water distribution in substantially the same form as attached to the staff report dated February 1, 2005

(8.a) authorize the Mayor to execute an intertie agreement for wheeling water from the Cascade Water Alliance to the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District in substantially the same form as attached to the staff report dated February 1, 2005

(8.b) approve Resolution No. 1200, establishing rates and charges for

water to be wheeled to the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District, which was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Paine, Resha, Robinson, and Vache voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

AGREEMENT WITH KING COUNTY AND GREATER REDMOND
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION TO DELIVER R-TRIP AND
PERFORMANCE-BASED EMPLOYER INCENTIVE PROGRAM OUTREACH AND
PERSONALIZED COMMUTE ASSISTANCE

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the Council dated February 1, 2005, recommended approval of the agreement with King County and the Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association.

Councilmember Resha recused himself, since he is a member of the Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association.

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Paine, to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with King County and the Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association to jointly provide Outreach and Personalized Commute Assistance services for the Redmond Trip Reduction Incentive Program (R-TRIP) and the Performance-Based Employer Incentive Program through December 31, 2005. Motion carried (6 - 0) with one abstention.

MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR CASCADE WATER ALLIANCE
(CWA)

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the Council dated February 1, 2005, recommended approval of the amended and restated interlocal contract with CWA.

Councilmember Robinson said he pulled this item from the Consent Agenda because he had several comments and questions:

- CWA's move to create a new Municipal Corporation is difficult to understand from the Executive Summary.
- What happens if a Municipal Corporation fails? What is the city's liability?
- Are Redmond's wells part of CWA's assets?

- He asked for clarification of Section 3.4 - Purposes.

Scott Thomasson, Manager, Water/Wastewater Engineering, explained that this section clarifies that the members come together regarding water issues only, and not for other general purposes. He said all members of CWA share in the rate structure; the interlocal agreement provides that all members of CWA are responsible for repayment of debts.

James E. Haney, City Attorney, said his understanding of the agreement is that CWA is not a Municipal Corporation, it is a separate legal entity analogous to a partnership, and its liabilities would be satisfied out of its assets. Issuance of bonds would be secured by CWA's revenues, not city revenues/assets.

Councilmember Robinson said this action represents a tremendous commitment by the city, and thought the Council needed to have further discussion prior to its approval. The Council, he explained, needed assurance that CWA has been astute in its business practices, and that Redmond's money is being well spent.

Motion by Mr. Marchione, second by Ms. McCormick, to authorize the Mayor to execute the "Cascade Water Alliance Amended and Restated Interlocal Contract" dated December 15, 2004. Motion carried (6 - 1) with Robinson voting nay.

OMBUDSMAN REPORT

Councilmember Resha was contacted by a resident, who expressed concern about privacy when submitting an application to take advantage of senior and low-income water/sewer rates. Councilmember Resha said that, after hearing from the city's Finance and Information Services Director that the personal information is protected by multiple systems of security, he thought it met with the State Auditor's requirements. He noted that he had since heard back from the individual that he was comfortable with how the information was stored.

Councilmember Cole noted a newspaper article mentioned that the dividers and turn lane markers at West Lake Sammamish Parkway and NE 51 Street, and at Leary Way and 159 Place NE were not well marked. He said he asked staff to pursue it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report - Planning and Public Works Committee

Councilmember Marchione reported that the Planning and Public Works Committee met on January 19, 2005 to discuss oversight of the new City Hall project, and to hear a briefing by the Public Works Department on septic tanks and sewer hookups in the Rose Hill area. He announced the next Committee meeting would be held on February 16, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. Agenda items include discussion on interior finishes in the new City Hall building.

Committee Report - Public Safety Committee

Councilmember Robinson reported that the Public Safety Committee met on January 26, 2005 to discuss pedestrian and bicycle safety in the city.

Committee Report - Public Administration and Finance Committee

Councilmember Paine handed out a draft scope of work regarding the Citizen Advisory Committee on Essential Government Services.

ORDINANCE - AMENDING REDMOND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADOPT GRASS LAWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the Council dated February 1, 2005, recommended the adoption of the Grass Lawn Neighborhood Plan and related policies and regulations as outlined in the proposed ordinances.

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Resha, to adopt Ordinance No. 2248, amending the Redmond Comprehensive Plan to adopt the Grass Lawn Neighborhood Plan and related policies with the language on Table 1, last bullet, revised to read, "Support efforts between the City of Redmond and the City of Kirkland to provide sidewalks on both sides of 132 Avenue NE south of Old Redmond Road. Sidewalks should be separated by a planting strip".

Ordinance No. 2248, amending the Comprehensive Plan to adopt the Grass Lawn Neighborhood Plan (L040126 and L040127); repealing outdated policies; and establishing an effective date, was presented and read.

Councilmembers Cole and Robinson said they would not support the motion because of the provision of neighborhood commercial areas. They noted that opportunities for retail in the Grass Lawn neighborhood were very small, and expressed their concern about setting a precedent for neighborhood commercial areas in other neighborhoods.

Upon a poll of the Council, Marchione, McCormick, Paine, Resha and Vache voted aye. Motion carried (5 - 2) with Cole and Robinson voting nay.

ORDINANCE - AMENDING REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AND REDMOND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GUIDE TO ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATED TO GRASS LAWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Marchione, to amend the Redmond Municipal Code and the Redmond Community Development Guide to adopt regulations to implement the Grass Lawn Neighborhood Plan.

Ordinance No. 2249, amending the Redmond Municipal Code and the Redmond Community Development guide to adopt residential regulations, multiplex regulations, residential architectural, and site design regulations, cottage housing regulations, and affordable housing regulations applicable to the Grass Lawn Neighborhood, and establishing an effective date, which was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Marchione, McCormick, Paine, Resha and Vache voted aye. Motion carried (5 - 2) with Cole and Robinson voting nay.

APPOINTMENTS TO REGIONAL FORUMS

The Mayor said one of the two individuals referred to her for appointment to the Hopelink Board lives outside of the city limits. She asked for Council discussion on whether residency within the City of Redmond was an issue.

Councilmember McCormick acknowledged that, typically, we require that boards and commissions members must be Redmond residents, but she did not believe it was essential for the Hopelink Board. She pointed out that the individual has been in a leadership role in the organization; also, the person was previously a Redmond

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resident and now lives just outside the city limits. The rest of the Council agreed with Councilmember McCormick.

CITY REQUEST FOR STATE CAPITAL FUNDING

The Mayor recalled that when the Council met with Redmond's legislative delegation on January 5, 2005, Representative Nixon asked did the city want to recommend any projects for funding from the State Capital Budget. She referred to a memorandum from staff dated January 29, 2005 and the Council engaged in general discussion on the feasibility of recommending more than one project for funding.

Nina Rivkin, Senior Policy Analyst, said the Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) looked at projects in other jurisdictions that have previously received state funding, and recommended that the city advocate for more than one project. She noted the city might not receive funding for more than one project, but recommending more than one would provide the legislature with a couple of options. There was consensus to proceed with the SLT's recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council held an executive session on property acquisition and disposition for approximately twenty minutes. The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK